

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Richard W. Bork on 12/08/06.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, last line, after "90 °C", insert - -wherein said protein passes through the microfiltration membrane- -.

In claims ¹⁷~~18~~-20, line 1; delete "product", and insert - -protein- -.

In claim 23, line 1, after "the", insert - -protein is produced by a- -, and in line 2, delete "producing".

In claims 13, and 14, line 3, delete "product", and insert - -protein- -.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: claims 1 and 35, and dependent claims 2-20, 23, and 26-35 are allowed over the prior art of record. Performing the microfiltration separation within the temperature range claimed for proteins of type claimed in claim 29, or proteins having the claimed molecular weight are not suggested in the prior art of record. Reference '606 treats the protein containing solution at one degree lower than in the present invention and in presence of activated carbon or adsorbent material, and the recovered protein has a molecular weight higher